

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-125 under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph.

By this amendment, Applicants amend claims 1, 3, 5, 19, 21-23, 26-30, 32, and 33, and cancel claims 2, 4, 8, 14, 20, 24, 25, 31, and 34-125. Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9-13, 15-19, 21-23, 26-30, 32, and 33 remain pending.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-125 under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph as allegedly reciting an undue multiplicity of claims. There is no statutory authority for rejecting claims as unnecessary. In re Wakefield, 422 F.2d 897, 900 (C.C.P.A. 1970). However, to expedite prosecution, Applicants have reduced the number of claims to 25.

Applicants have paid the required fees and are now entitled to examination on the merits. If the Examiner issues a subsequent action on the merits, such action must be non-final and must address claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9-13, 15-19, 21-23, 26-30, 32, and 33 on the merits.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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